Commission Members

The Credit Union Commission is responsible for overseeing the activities of the Credit Union Department and serves as the primary point of accountability for ensuring that state credit unions function as a system. The nine-member Commission derives its authority from Chapter 15 of the Texas Finance Code.

The Commission is a board of private citizens appointed by and responsible to the Governor of Texas. Four members of the Commission must be individuals who serve as a director, officer or committee member of a Texas state credit union or a federal credit union with a principal office in Texas. The remaining five members of the Commission are representatives from the general public. Each member of the Commission must be a resident of a different state senatorial district. Commission members and their spouses may not be employed by, participate in the management of, or have a financial interest in a financial institution or related trade association.

You may reach the Credit Union Commission members at the Credit Union Department's mailing address.



Manuel "Manny" Cavazos, IV Chair

Public Member

Term: May 26, 2006 - February 15, 2017

Hometown: Austin, Texas Mr. Cavazos is a certified public accountant and a graduate of the University of Texas-Austin. He also received a law degree from William Howard Taft University in California.



Beckie Stockstill Cobb

Public Member

Term: July 16, 2015 - February 15, 2021

Hometown: Deer Park, Texas

Ms. Stockstill opened Stockstill & Associates in January, 1999 with over 20 years of banking experience, FINRA 6 and 63 securities registrations. She is an active member of the Houston Association of Health Underwriters, NAIFA, NAHU and TAHU. Credentialed as a Small Business Consultant, Chartered Benefit Consultant, as well as in Senior Benefits.



Yusuf E. Farran, P.E.

Public Member

Term: July 16, 2015 - February 15, 2021

Hometown: El Paso, Texas

Mr. Farran is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Texas and a LEED Green Associate. He has been practicing civil/mechanical engineering since 1986 and currently serves as an Energy Solutions Engineer with Johnson Controls in Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. He is responsible for managing Measurements and Verification programs to monitor and manage energy consumption, utility supply and facility operations and maintenance at Fort Bliss Army Base.



Steven "Steve" Gilman

Credit Union Industry Member

Term: July 16, 2015 - February 15, 2021 Hometown: Katy, Texas Mr. Gilman is responsible for overall operations of Houston Texas Fire Fighters Federal Credit Union in Houston, Texas.



Sherri Brannon Merket

Public Member

Term: April 15, 2011 - February 15, 2017

Hometown: Midland, Texas

Mrs. Merket has served for the last 11 years as the Executive Secretary of the Hillander School, a private elementary school in Midland, Texas. She and her husband also own and operate an oilfield company, pipe supply business, and have farming and ranching interests. She is a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and is actively involved with the Texas Humane Legislative Network.



Allyson "Missy" Morrow

Credit Union Industry Member

Term: May 23, 2007 - February 15, 2019

Hometown: San Benito, Texas

Mrs. Morrow is President and CEO of Harlingen Area Teachers Credit Union. She is a graduate of Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.



Barbara "Kay" Stewart

Credit Union Industry Member

Term: April 10, 2013 - February 15, 2019

Hometown: Lone Star, Texas

Mrs. Stewart is President and CEO of North East Texas Credit Union. She is also a board member and secretary of the Daingerfield Lone Star Education Foundation and has served as a board member for the Cornerstone Credit Union League.



Gary D. Tuma

Credit Union Industry Member

Term: April 13, 2011 - February 15, 2017

Hometown: Sugar Land, Texas

Mr. Tuma is President /CEO of Smart Financial Credit Union in Houston, Texas. He earned his CCUE designation in 1988, and is an honors graduate of the Southwest CUNA Management School.



Vik Vad

Public Member

Term: April 10, 2013 - February 15, 2019

Hometown: Austin, Texas

Mr. Vad of Austin, is a licensed real estate broker and president of Om Capital Management, Inc. He is also a member of the Austin Board of Realtors and a volunteer for the Capital Area Food Bank.